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Last year the cup attracted an entry of 29 teams, the N.D.B.F.A. accounting for 12 entries; M.J.F.A., 2; St. George, 1; S.M.B.F.A., 4; I.D.S.A., 6; W.D.S.A., 2; and Granville, 2. The semi-finalists were all country teams, Balgownie and West Wallsend, and

Kurri Kurri and Woonona Park. The final was won by West Wallsend, who defeated Woonona Park at Woonona. The Metropolitan teams will have to try to make a bigger bid for the cup this year, and should be encouraged by their associations.

GARDINER CUP.

The New South Wales Council has decided to limit Gardiner Cup entries to First Grade, First Division, teams in the Metropolis, Northern Districts and the South Coast area. This will ensure that Gardiner Cup matches will reach a higher standard. Also no Gardiner Cup match will be played between two teams, should any player of either team be required for an English tour match.

It has been decided, too, not to commence the Gardiner Cup competition before June 6th, but the draw for the final round will probably be made on April 19th.

NEW SOUTH WALES REFEREES' SUB-COMMITTEE.

General meetings of the N.S.W. Referees' Sub-Committee were held last year, and distinct progress was made. A constitution was adopted, and N.S.W. Appointment and Examination Boards functioned for the first time under the new system.

Messrs. E. Jones (Sydney Referees), P. J. Sheppard (Newcastle Referees), and W. Cunningham (representing the N.S.W. Association Council) were elected last year as the Appointment Board, while Messrs. W. Wright (Sydney Referees), T. Crawford (Maitland Referees), and W. Cunningham (Illawarra Referees) were appointed the Examination Board. Examination last year were held at Newcastle and on the South Coast, and a number of candidates have been recommended for N.S.W. Referees' certificates. A number of Metropolitan Referees will be examined this week-end. It is nearly certain that only referees possessed of the State certificate will be eligible for appointment under the State Association.

The Appointment Board for the coming season will be elected at a meeting of the Sub-Committee at the Sports Club to-night. This year the Appointment Board will consist of two representatives of the State Association Council, and three of the Sub-Committee. Messrs. S. A. Storey (Hon. Sec., N.S.W. Assn.), and W. Cunningham (Illawarra) have been elected representatives of the N.S.W. Council.

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THE COMING SEASON.

The coming season is, without doubt, the most momentous in the history of Soccer, and if a record is recorded, the future of the game is assured. First and foremost, the long-looked-for visit of an English Team is taking place. In the Metropolitan area the introduction of District Football has caused big alterations in the personnel of the clubs, and will take a considerable time to complete a reorganisation as expected, and the advancement of the scheme proved. The coming of the English visit after so many years of disappointment and the financing which was an undertaking for Australian Soccer, reflects great credit on the governing the game throughout the Commonwealth. It is to be hoped that the result of the tour, from a playing as well as from a financial viewpoint, will prove worth while to England and Australia.

THIRD TEST VENUE.

The venue of the Third Test has caused a big discussion on the part of the N.S. Wales Association, the N.S. Wales Show Ground being finally decided upon. The ground has an excellent surface, and meets the requirements of the Association in every way. It is anticipated that a large crowd will be present for this match.

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THE ENGLISH TOUR.

List of Matches.

The matches included in the itinerary of the English team are as follows:—

- May 9th—v West Australia at Perth.
- May 14th—v Australian Team at Adelaide Oval.
- May 16th—v South Australia, at Thebarton Reserve, Adelaide.
- May 20th—v Victoria, at Melbourne Cricket Ground.
- May 23rd—v Australian Team, at Melbourne Cricket Ground.
- May 27th—Mid-week match en route Melbourne to Sydney.
- May 30th—v N.S. Wales, at Show Ground, Sydney.
- June 3rd—v Metropolis, at Sydney.
- June 6th—v South Coast, at Bode's Ground, Wollongong.
- June 8th—v N.S. Wales, at Show Ground, Sydney.
- June 13th—v Northern Districts, at Newcastle Show Ground.
- June 18th—v West Moreton, at Ipswich.
- June 20th—v Queensland, at Brisbane Exhibition Ground.
- June 24th—v North Coast (Q.), at Bundaberg.
- June 27th—v Australia (First Test), at Brisbane.
- June 29th—At Toowoomba.
- July 4th—v Australia (Second Test), at Show Ground, Sydney.
- July 8th—v Newcastle, at Newcastle Tramway Ground.
- July 11th—v Australia (Third Test), at West Maitland Show Ground.
- July 15th—v Maitland, at Cessnock Show Ground.
- July 18th—v Australia (Fourth Test), at Show Ground, Sydney.
- July 22nd—Mid-week match to be arranged.
- July 25th—v Australia (Fifth Test), at Fitzroy Ground, Melbourne.
- August 1st—v West Australia, at Perth.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TROPHY.

During the annual conference of the Football Association (Australia), the magnificent trophy presented by the English Football Association for Interstate competition in Australia, was received by the newly-elected chairman of the Australian Association (Mr. S. A. Storey), who expressed the hope that shortly rules for the control of the competition would be framed and that ultimately the competition would be as keen as that of the Sheffield Shield in cricket. The conference decided to send its thanks to the English F.A. for the trophy, which is a wonderful specimen of the silversmith's art, and is valued at £250.

The competition will not be played this year, but will commence in 1926. The English Association is to be commended for introducing an imperial note into its administration, as it is also presenting similar trophies to South Africa, Canada and New Zealand.

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English Team's Personnel—The Players Described

YOUNG AND HEFTY TEAM WILL TEST AUSTRALIA.

The English Association is acting wisely in sending to Australia a team with the advantage of youth, for new conditions will be met yet, and adaptability of the players to meet varying circumstances will be a big factor in the success of the tour.

Some details of the careers of the players and their heights and weights are available, as follows: **J. E. Davidson** (Sheffield Wednesday).

One of the best goalkeepers playing to-day; has a very safe pair of hands, and should give a good account of himself; has gained international honors; is the heaviest player in the team, and fearless against opposing forwards. He stands 5ft. 7in. high, and weighs 12st. 7lbs.

H. Hardy (Stockport County).

Another goalie, on the small side, but makes up for this in ability. He played in the trial match, North v. South, and represented England against Belgium. He is 5ft. 8in. high, and weighs 10 st. 10 lbs.

T. Whittaker (The Arsenal).

A half-back, who can also fill the full-back position with credit. He was born at Aldershot, weighs 12 st., and stands 5ft. 9½in. high. He is a good strong kick, and a fine tackler.

S. Charlton (Exeter City).

A fine back with plenty of experience, and captain of his club; generally plays left fullback; weighs 12st., and is 5ft. 9½in. high.

J. Hannah (Norwich City).

Very fast, a fine tackler, and a powerful kick; is equally at home right back or right half. He is 11st. 9 lbs. in weight, and is 5ft. 9½in. high.

C. W. Spencer (Newcastle United).

Plays centre half for his team, and represented England against Scotland last year. He feeds his forwards with great judgment, tackles well, and can use his head to great advantage; he is a very hard man to pass, and weighs 11 st. 11 lbs., and tips the beam at 5ft. 10in.

C. Poynton (Tottenham Hotspur).

Was engaged by his team as left half back, but found a permanent position as full back. He is a very forceful and clever player, and stands 5ft. 10 in. high, weighing 11 st. 10 lbs.

L. Graham (Millwall Athletic).

A very promising player; played in the North v. South trial; plays left and centre half equally well; weighs 10 st. 11 lbs., and is 5ft. 8in. high.

J. Hamilton (Crystal Palace).

A reliable half back, and a good tackler; is expected to do well; stands 6ft., and weighs 12 st. 6 lbs.

Stan Seymour (Newcastle United).

A club mate of Spencer, and both natives of Newcastle. In the opinion of many of the leading experts in England, the finest outside left playing. He is very fast, and a fine shot, and has scored more goals from the wing position than any other player in England. He is the lightest player in the team, weighing 10 st. 2 lbs. He stands 5ft. 6½in. high.

J. Elkes (Tottenham Hotspur).

Was a great centre half, but now is equally successful at inside left; is endowed with height and weight, being 6 ft. high, and 12 st. 6 lbs. in weight. He is a prolific scorer for his club, and was paid a compliment just before leaving, being selected as reserve forward against Scotland.

W. Caesar (Dulwich Hamlet).

An amateur international, and a very fine forward. He is at home in the half line, and deceives many opponents by his method of placing the ball.

W. Williams (West Ham).

Plays inside left, and has done splendid service for his club. He is fast and clever; weighs 11 st. 6 lbs., and is 5ft. 8in. high.

C. Hannaford (Clapton Orient).

A fine outside right, has good ball control, and centres dangerously. He is 5ft. 7 in. high, and weighs 11 st. 4 lbs.

E. Simms (Stockport County).

Born at South Shields, a clever centre forward, and a good shot at goal; stands 5ft. 9in. high, and weighs 12 st.

J. Walsh (Liverpool).

A product of Stockport; a good inside right; weighs 10 st. 2 lbs., and stands 5ft. 8½in. high.

H. G. Batten (Plymouth Argyle).

A clever inside left, and a great goal-scorer; reputed one of the best forwards in the South of England; is 5ft. 6in. high, and weighs 11 st. 10 lbs.

W. Sage (Tottenham Hotspur).

An inside right with fine ball control; weighs 11 st., and is 5ft. 10in. high.

THE MANAGER.

From the "Athletic News."

Invited at a recent meeting of the International Selection Committee to take charge of the party of players that the F.A. intend to send to Australia in the spring, Mr. John Lewis, of Blackburn, has, after consideration, promised to do so.

As Mr. Lewis was one of the honorary managers of the team which visited South Africa in 1920, and has been placed in charge of many matches which the F.A. have taken part in, both in Great Britain and on the Continent. He seems entitled to be regarded as England's ambassador for the realm of Soccer.

The gentlemen who are managing the South African players now in this country, Mr. J. R. Wheeler of Cape Town, the hon. secretary of the South African F.A., and Major A. Buchan Fyffe, M.C., president of the Free State F.A., speak, even after this long interval, of the courtesy and shrewdness which Mr. Lewis invariably showed throughout the excursion in their country in 1920.

Since the days of his youth John Lewis has been an ardent lover of the winter game, as player, referee, and administrator. He will take with him to Australia the confidence of the F.A., and the good wishes of Great Britain for his own safety and a sportsman's success.

Mr. Lewis' co-manager is Mr. M. C. Frowde, who played the game for Dorset, and for 25 years has been Honorary Secretary of the Dorset County F.A. He is managing director of a firm of steamship owners, and is an all-round sportsman.

PLAYERS FOR ST. GEORGE

Transfers have been granted by the Metropolitan Management Committee with the consent of the Granville District Club to the players, J. Picken, L. Evans, and J. Tranter to the St. George District Club. These players all played with Auburn last year. Granville is to be commended for its sporting action especially as meets St. George to-day.

Metropolitan Soccer Football Association

M.S.F.A.'s Players' Insurance Fund

(Inaugurated 1922.)

The Metropolitan Soccer Football Association hereby inaugurates an Insurance Fund for the maintenance of players injured whilst playing, as hereinafter provided.

1. The fund will only be considered from duly registered players on books of the Metropolitan Soccer Football Association, injured whilst playing in games sanctioned by the aforesaid Association, and/or the South Wales Soccer Football Association; the fund not to apply to competitions controlled by any other Association.

2. On inauguration, the M.S.F. Association shall subsidise the Fund to the extent of a fifty pounds donation.

3. A claimant must make personal report of accident to Management Committee of that Association not later than the Monday following such accident, and at the same time hand in written report, endorsed by the Captain and Hon. Secretary or officer of the Club, and accompanied by a medical certificate. In the event of the player being unable, through being incapacitated, to personally report to the Management Committee same is to be notified, when written report may be accepted from claimant or from some person authorised by his (claimant's) authority and on his behalf.

4. No claim will be allowed where player takes part in any game, within eight (8) days after receiving injury, for which claim is made. The fund shall be administered by the Management Committee, who shall all be the Trustees of the Fund. Subscription shall be five shillings (5/-) per player per season (as sanctioned by the M.S.F.A.), entitling a player to an allowance of one pound (£1) per week, or ten shillings per player per season, entitling him to a two pounds (£2) per week allowance. No player shall be allowed to subscribe more than ten shillings (10/-).

5. Allowances will not be made to any one player for more than thirteen (13) weeks in all in any one season.

6. In the event of claims at any time absorbing all income, further benefits shall cease, and members shall contribute on this understanding.

7. Any claimant claiming allowance for any period beyond one week, shall produce a renewal or further medical certificate, which, in the view of the Management Committee, justifies a further allowance, and so from week to week.

Amount remaining at credit of fund at end of last year (1924), £43/16/4.

THE JUNIORS.

The prospects for the season 1925 are very bright as regards Junior football, the controlling associations being the Metropolitan Juniors, St. George and District, Granville, Eastern Suburbs, Manly, and Ryde, whilst at the present time having no enclosed ground, are well supplied with playing areas, and can accommodate all their matches each week.

All Junior Associations are now working together with similar rules and meet to discuss matters through the Board of Control, which will become a great factor in improving the standard of play through the Association Cup Competition, and thus valuable work will be done for the benefit of the district team and Soccer generally.

St. George Association report that, whilst Eastern Suburbs also have a full number of players in all competitions; the Metropolitan Juniors have under the new arrangement some of their territory in Eastern Suburbs and Canterbury, and do not expect to be as strong as in previous seasons. The Metropolitan Junior Association has practically carried the burden of Junior football in the Metropolitan for a number of years, and it is hoped to see the ground work bearing fruit and the game expanding. At the annual meeting of the Junior Board of Control has not been held, and writing the details of engagements of all Junior bodies cannot be given, but it is safe to say the total number of players will exceed that of last year. The Associations will have more playing areas at their disposal. The Metros. again occupy Primrose Park, St. George will have the Canterbury Sports Ground, Canter-

bury Association will share the Canterbury Sports Ground with the local district club.

The Church Association will have a new area in St. Peters, whilst Granville will again be at Clyde Oval. Eastern Suburbs, Manly, and Ryde, whilst at the present time having no enclosed ground, are well supplied with playing areas, and can accommodate all their matches each week.

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GOAL-SAVING.

Lost Art in England!

The following remarks of Major Fyffe (a member of the South African Football Association) in regard to the recent English tour, should be interesting in view of the arrival here shortly of the star English side:—

"There can be no doubt," he writes, "that so far as clever, ar-

tistic football is concerned, the South Africans are not in the same class as the leading professional teams. But generally this dainty and accurate passing was overdone. They got within shooting range, but instead of driving for goal the ball was banded about from one inside player to another, and sometimes even sent out to the wings, and, of course, returned whence it came.

"We in South Africa have a lot to learn in ball control, dribbling, and taking up and keeping positions on the field. In these respects Britain is far ahead of us. But in attaining almost mechanical precision in these points in a footballer's equipment, the equally essential and better paying qualities of direct go-ahead and penetrative forward play have been ignored.

"Goal scoring seems to be a lost art in Britain to-day; if the visit of the South Africans has done nothing else, it has at least shown the way in which goals may, and can, and should be scored. As far as could be judged, the best South African amateurs have nothing to fear when compared with their amateur rivals across the ocean."

HINTS FOR JUNIORS ON HOW TO PLAY.

(By a Cambridge Blue).

The Goalkeeper.

As everyone knows, this is, perhaps, one of the most unpleasant positions in the field, as very often the goalie is left absolutely alone at the last to protect the goal. No player should attempt to "keep" who has not a very clear head. He should also be able to catch the ball, or fist it out anywhere, except in front of goal. Of course, when he has time, he should punt the ball as far as possible up the field. As a general rule the goalkeeper should never leave his position, but there are times when a dash made at the right moment often relieves a situation, and gains a good deal of ground for the side. He should practise long kicks, and to him should fall all the kicks from behind, so as to take as much work off the backs as possible.

One point is worth remembering in connection with goal-keeping, and that is, when a corner kick is given always stand in front of the farthest goal-post from the kicker. In this way the goal-keeper can run forward if the ball should drop a little short; and he will have to run backwards should the ball come over his head.

The Backs.

Full-backs should be fast, able to kick well with either foot, and should not be afraid to charge, using the whole of their weight when the right opportunity presents itself.

Each back should remember the man he has to mark—that is, the inside forward opposite him; but when his colleague is called into active play, he should try to back him up by retiring a little behind him, the idea being to render intelligent assistance wherever it is most needed. A back should also be able to pass well, either to his brother back, or to the goal-keeper, if the pass will afford a safer opportunity of getting rid of the ball. Remember, however, to keep all passes low, so that they may be easily transferred to the right portion of the field, the ball being well under control.

The back, in the ordinary way, should take all the free kicks, except when they are within twenty-five yards of the goal, and should always be on the watch to put his opponents off-side.

The ideal half-back is a good combination between the forward and the full back. They should mark their men well, the outside men marking the outside forwards, whilst the centre makes himself responsible for the centre forward. In this way (re-

Programme

CANTERBURY v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE.
FIRST GRADE—CANTERBURY, 3.15 p.m.

CANTERBURY.

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:

T. BAILEY.

1—J. HERRON	2—BROWN
3—E. LOVERIDGE	4—A. MANUEL
7—BURNS	5—H. WHITE
6—J. BURNS	8—S. ALEWOOD
	9—BARNES
	10—SARCHFIELD

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12—H. ROBERTSON	10—G. MACFARLANE	8—HAYE
11—H. HENSON	9—HILL	

6—H. SPURWAY	7—W. MAIZEY.	4—WALL
3—E. PONT	5—D. FOWLER	1—S. MONTGOMERY
	2—ELLIS	

J. FOWLER

Goal:

GLADESVILLE-RYDE.
(Maroon)

(Two to be omitted)

Referee: G. McLay.

SECOND GRADE—CANTERBURY, 1.45 p.m.

CANTERBURY.

Goal:

C. KETTRINGHAM

1—H. LANG	2—McLAREN
3—JAMES	4—SWAN
7—C. SCOTT	9—JOLLEY
6—BURNS	8—A. BENNETT
	10—CROZIE

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24—RICHARDSON	22—DAWES	20—GRAHAM
23—HEIN	21—MURRAY	19—McALLEN

17—MACFARLANE	15—TROA
18—SIMMONS	16—STEELE
14—JENNINGS	13—TWINE

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Goal:

GLADESVILLE-RYDE.
(Maroon)

(Two to be omitted)

Referee: F. C. Packer.

member what I said about the backs) we find that all the opposing forwards have somebody who is looking after them.

Half-back is one of the hardest positions on the field, as they are always at work, either assisting in the defence, or backing up the smart back. Half-backs should practise the art of throwing-in, and should be able to take corner kicks, and to become clever at place-kicking constant practice is needed. When making corner kicks, or free kicks, which are near the touch-line, the inside foot should always be used, as it gets a certain amount of natural screw on the ball, which is of more value than

a straight shot. Their motto should be: Back up your forwards, don't neglect your backs; should occasion arises, and if you are better positioned than your forwards.

Forwards.

The five forwards of the successful Soccer team should work together such a way that the ball seems to be on wires, and during practice they should try and set up combination passing, and bring it to such a perfection that it will be hard for an opposing team to checkmate it. The fastest men among the forwards should always be put on the outside wings, left and right.

Extremes are never good, and, to my mind, a wise captain will go in for a combination of short and long passing—his team keeping the ball as low as possible on the ground. Should the ball be near your own goal, transfer it to the left or right, and then work it up the sides, passing as a rule before reaching the backs, until the time comes for a centre. This method can only be effective by the centre keeping well up and being on the spot to take advantage of the pass. The man who centres and tempts the back is the man who passes quickly with the outside or inside of the foot, and this needs constant practice. We have a rally in our goal line, let us say, brought the ball up the left wing, centring halfway, passed out again to the right, who in turn centres hard just out of reach of the last back; now for the shot and a certain score! Shoot cross-ways, if possible, at whichever corner seems best guarded; keeping the ball low for preference, although a good forward must be guided by circumstances and do just what seems best at the moment.

In attacking do anything almost, but do it quickly, and let the other forwards hamper the other backs as much as possible.

Lastly, remember backs and halves should be able to head the ball well, but forwards often lose more than they gain by so doing, and should, as a rule avoid it.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The ground proprietors of St. George Sports Ground, Canterbury Sports Ground and Ibrox Park have not accepted the terms laid down by the management committee for the use of those grounds for grade matches, and it is only because the management committee has no alternative that matches are being staged on some of those grounds to-day.

The attitude of the ground proprietors is quite understandable, but the future of their grounds depends upon the number of grade matches allocated, not only for this year, but they should endeavour to make an agreement of an acceptable character extending over a term of years.

The loss of Wentworth Park should be compensated for by the gaining of the Royal Agricultural Show Ground, where all the Saturday and Sunday English matches, in the metropolitan area will be played.

The Balmain District Club has made an application to entertain the

Programme

GRANVILLE v. ST. GEORGE.

FIRST GRADE—CLYDE OVAL, 3.15 p.m.

GRANVILLE.

(Black and White Stripes)

Goal:

E. ATCHISON

1—C. LEABEATER	2—W. MACE
3—N. HILL	4—G. EDWARDS
7—W. GALLOWAY	9—E. WALDON
6—S. BOURKE	8—CRAIG
	10—H. FLYNN

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12—F. MELLIAR-SMITH	10—E. WILLIAMS	7—A. LAVENDER
11—W. GLACHEN	9—C. STOREY	8—C. HAYES
6—J. PICKEN	5—J. TRANTER	4—R. CHISWELL
3—G. SMART	2—J. MURRAY	1—J. MARSH

L. EVANS.

Goal:

ST. GEORGE.

(Red and White Stripes)

(Two to be omitted).

Reserves—Granville: 11—O'TOOLE.

Referee: A. W. Bates.

SECOND GRADE—CLYDE OVAL, 1.45 p.m.

GRANVILLE.

(Black and White Stripes)

Goal:

C. CALLAGHAN

12—W. STEVENS	13—E. BAINBRIDGE
14—T. RITCHIE	15—E. RIGBY
18—M. LEABEATER	20—E. WILLIAMS
17—R. DUNN	19—L. GATES
	21—D. McKAY

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22—L. DAVIE	20—G. METCALF	18—E. VALE
21—R. WOODS	19—W. GREEN	
17—H. LEE	16—G. DEAN	15—W. WOODWARD
14—T. SMART	13—T. WALMSLEY	

H. BURNS.

ST. GEORGE.

(Red and White Stripes)

Referee: C. R. Brown.

Reserve—23: E. CHISWELL.

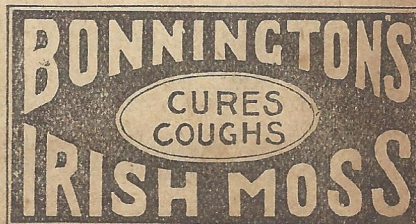
Reserves—Granville: 22—R. COPP; 23—W. HUTCHINSON

Englishmen while in Sydney in a similar way to the manner in which the Balmain Fernleigh F.C. entertained the New Zealanders and the Canadians.

They also desire to play a match against the English team, but there are not enough matches to go round; the N.S.Wales Council expressed a wish that a match should be played versus the State champions (West Wallsend) but the English Tour Sub-Committee now has only one match to arrange, and the intention is not to definitely fix that match until about the middle of June.

The Canterbury Club expects to

strengthen its team as the season proceeds, for it is receiving the whole-hearted support of the District Junior Association. In at least one other district the Junior controllers and the officials of the District Club are not working amicably together.



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Goal:

T. DAVIDSON

1—R. LEADBETTER 2—J. DRISCOLL
3—J. FISHER 4—G. STOREY 5—W. BYE
11—F. HANCOCK (one to be omitted)
8—W. BUTTEL 9—H. McLEOD
6—J. SINCLAIR 8—C. BRENNAN 10—E. HEYMA

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10—R. OSBORNE 8—L. BRISBANE 6—J. GI
9—J. BURCHAM 7—G. TURNER
5—F. LAMBERT 4—J. WATSON 3—D. DOWNI
2—A. FISHER 1—J. CRUM

G. CARTWRIGHT

Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

Referee: W. A. Wright.

Reserves—Balmain: 12—R. WHITE.

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**BALMAIN.
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Goal:

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**13—H. BRIDGE 14—T. PALMER
15—FERGUSON 16—L. JELFS 17—S. JELFS
18—P. DUGGAN 21—W. ORR
19—WHITE 20—V. JONES 22—W. CUNNINGHAM**

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**10 BOOKS 20—T. RYAN 18—T. SAILOR
21—A. OWEN 19—W. PARK
11 ANDERSON 16—A. CRUM 15—G. GRAHAM
12—J. NASH 13—W. SIMMS**

A. WYLLIE.

Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

23—Balmain: 23—F McGREAL; 24—COLE

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GRADE COMPETITIONS. M.S.F.A. Draw.

The draw for the First and Second Grade competition matches in the Metropolitan area has been announced as follows:—

First Series (April 18).

Canterbury v. Gladesville-Ryde
Pymont v. Eastern Suburbs.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. Balmain.
St. George v. Granville.

Second Series (April 25).

Canterbury v. Eastern Suburbs.
Gladesville-Ryde v. Balmain.
Pymont v. Granville.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. St. George.

Third Series (May 2)

Canterbury v. Balmain.
Eastern Suburbs v. Granville.
Gladesville-Ryde v. St. George.
Pymont v. Annandale-Leichhardt.

Fourth Series (May 9).

Canterbury v. Granville.
Balmain v. St. George.
Eastern Suburbs v. Annandale-Leichhardt.
Gladesville-Ryde v. Pymont.

Fifth Series (May 16).

Canterbury v. St. George.
Granville v. Annandale-Leichhardt.
Balmain v. Pymont.
Eastern Suburbs v. Gladesville-Ryde.

Sixth Series (May 23).

Canterbury v. Annandale-Leichhardt.
St. George v. Pymont.
Granville v. Gladesville-Ryde.
Balmain v. Eastern Suburbs.

Seventh Series (June 6).

Canterbury v. Pymont.
Annandale-Leichhardt v. Gladesville-Ryde.
St. George v. Eastern Suburbs.
Granville v. Balmain.

THE METROPOLITAN AREA. TO-DAY'S GRADE FIXTURES.

First Grade.

Canterbury v. Gladesville-Ryde,
Canterbury No. 1, 3.15 p.m. Referee,
Mr. G. McLay.

Balmain v. Annandale-Leichhardt,
Easton Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, Mr.
W. A. Wright.

Pymont v. Eastern Suburbs, Ibrox
Park, 3.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. A. L.
Peaty.

Granville v. St. George, Clyde Oval,
3.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. A. W. Bates.

Second Grade.

Canterbury v. Gladesville-Ryde,
Canterbury No. 1, 1.45 p.m. Referee,
Mr. F. C. Packer.

Balmain v. Annandale-Leichhardt,
Easton Park, 1.45 p.m. Referee, Mr.
T. Leighton.

Pymont v. Eastern Suburbs, Ibrox
Park, 1.45 p.m. Referee, Mr. T. Anderson.

Granville v. St. George, Clyde Oval,
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NEXT SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

The fixtures for April 25th have been decided as follows:—

Granville v Pymont, Show Ground (if available), 3.15 p.m.
Canterbury v Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, 3.15 p.m.

Annandale-Leichhardt v St George, Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m.
Gladesville-Ryde v Balmain, Easton Park, 3.15 p.m.

Second grade early match in each case.

DURATION GRADE MATCHES.

The management committee of the Metropolitan Association has decided to limit the duration of Second Grade matches to 40 minutes each way, with a five minutes' interval at half time, and the Referees' Association has been so informed. Also the referees have been instructed to conclude the early game at fifteen minutes past three, irrespective of the time of starting, which, however, has been set down for 1.45 p.m.

Under these conditions the late game in no case should commence later than 3.20 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVE BADGES

Representative Badges are being presented to all players represented Australia or New Wales on the field of play, the (Aust.) issuing the Australian Badges, while the N.S.Wales Association has presented the badges.

The following are the players whom badges will be presented to.

Australian Representatives following players represented in the six test matches played:

Goalkeepers: G. Cart (N.S.W.); H. Robison (Vic.); H. Faulkner (Tas.); G. Raitt (Vic.); C. Le (N.S.W.); H. Maunder (N.S.W.); T. Oliver (N.S.W.); T. Half-backs: G. Storey (N.S.W.); Henderson (N.S.W.); H. Sp (N.S.W.); E. Owen (N.S.W.); Lambert (N.S.W.); G. (N.S.W.); T. Bristow (Vic.); White (Q.); — Nunn (Q.); wards: S. Bourke (N.S.W.); D. (N.S.W.); W. Maunder (N.S.W.); Thompson (N.S.W.); F. M. Smith (N.S.W.); J. Edwards; J. Masters (N.S.W.); Captain Ramsay (N.S.W.); C. W. (N.S.W.); A. McNaughton (N.S.W.).

Sherringham (N.S.W.); J. Gilmore (N.S.W.); J. Orr (Vic.).

New South Wales Representatives.
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New South Wales Junior Representatives.
H. Kelly (Canterbury), J. Wardle (Canterbury), J. Wardle (Canterbury), D. Williams (South Coast), S. Bowden (Maitland), H. Harris (Newcastle), H. Harris (South Coast), T. Ritchie (Newcastle), M. Adamson (Granville), J. Blacklock (Newcastle), J. Mannion (Newcastle), F. Jacobs (Maitland), J. Mannion (Metropolitan), S. Moran (Metropolitan).

CLUB LEAGUE.

The following entrants have been secured for the Club League competition for the coming season.

Annandale—Leichardt District, Alexandria, Balmain District, Balmain Colliery, Balmain District, Botany Albions, Eastern Suburbs District, Lane Cove, Lane Cove, North Sydney, North Sydney, Royal Aust. Navy, Sunbury, Sunbury, Callan Park. There may be others—Kenilworth and Kenilworth Avoca—but it is not yet whether both will be entered. The Management Committee has yet to decide as to the form the competition will take, whether one-round competition may be entered upon, or the competition may be run in divisions. A decision will be reached on Monday.

Programme

PYRMONT v. EASTERN SUBURBS.

FIRST GRADE—IBROX PARK, 3.15 p.m.

PYRMONT.

(Blue)

Goal:

H. GREAGG.

1—M. BOURKE	2—S. ROBINSON
3—J. COHEN	4—G. CRAWFORD
5—H. GRAHAM	6—R. EDWARDS
7—F. HILL	8—E. CHILDS
9—N. KELLY	10—M. WATSON
11—BASTERFIELD	12—BOCABATEILLE
13—HETHERINGTON	14—J. MAITLAND
15—S. PEEL	16—T. ROBSON
17—J. COMRIE	18—C. O'CONNOR
19—E. RIGBY	

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JARVIS.

Goal:

EASTERN SUBURBS.
(Red, Blue and White)

Referee: A. L. Peaty.

SECOND GRADE—IBROX PARK, 1.45 p.m.

PYRMONT.

Goal:

13—W. CRAWFORD.

14—W. BROAD	15—HUGHES
16—SUNDSTROM	17—COX
18—T. O'TOOLE	19—McKINNEY
20—TIGHE	21—RICHARDS
22—FODEN	23—WELLS

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(Team not available).

EASTERN SUBURBS.
(Red, Blue and White)

Referee: T. Leighton.

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LAWS OF THE GAME.

Alterations approved by the International Football Association Board, 14th June, 1924.

PRESENT LAW.

Law 6.

Law 10.—When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker's opponents shall not approach within yards of the ball until the kick is taken, unless they are standing on their own goal-line. The ball must at least be rolled over before it shall be considered played—i.e., it must make a complete circuit or travel the distance of its circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player. The free kick (except as provided by Law 2), corner-kick, and goal-kick, shall be free kicks within the meaning of this Law.

Law 11.—A goal may be scored from a free kick which is awarded because of any infringement of Law 1, but not from any other free kick.

Law 13.—(a) Decision of the International Board.—A player who is injured during a match shall be at once removed outside the nearest goal line, and the game resumed.

Law 13.

Law 14.—In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the ball not having crossed the touch or behind the goal-line, the Referee shall drop the ball where it was when play was suspended, and it shall be in play when it has touched the ground. If the ball goes into touch behind the goal-line before it is played by a player, the Referee shall again drop it. The player on either side shall not play the ball until it has touched the ground.

Law 15.—First sentence. In the event of any infringement of Laws 5, 6, 8, 10, or 16, or of a player being sent off the field under Law 13, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side, at the place where the infringement occurred.

Law 17.—(a) Decision of the International Board.—A penalty kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball at the time the offence is committed. In the event of the ball being in the hands of the goalkeeper before passing between the posts, when a penalty kick is being taken at the end of time, a goal is scored.

ALTERATION.

Add as a footnote to the Law:—

"It is not a breach of the Law for a player to be in an off-side position, but only when in that position he interferes with an opponent, or with the play. If a player who is in an off-side position advances towards an opponent, or the ball, and in so doing causes the play to be affected, he should be penalised.

Delete from fourth sentence the words "corner-kick."

After the word "scored" insert "from a corner-kick, or."

Substitute (d) Decision of the International Board.—"If in the opinion of the Referee a player has been seriously injured the game shall be stopped, the player at once removed from the field of play, and the game resumed. If a player is slightly injured the game shall not be stopped until the ball has ceased to be in play."

Insert as Footnote, (b):—

"A player may enquire from a Referee as to his decision, but is not entitled by word or action to show dissent from any such decision. A Referee is required to treat the breach of this instruction as ungentlemanly behaviour.

The present Footnotes (b) (c) (d) to be (c) (d) (e).

Add as the last sentence: "A free kick shall be given for an infringement of this Law."

Lines 1 and 2. For "Laws 5, 6, 8, 10 or 16," substitute "Laws 5, 6, 8 or 10."

First sentence. After the word "ball" insert "if in the field of play."

The St. George Association

The Official Opening.

The St. George Association have decided to open the season officially on Saturday, but will only commence with the First and Third Leagues. The Second League has 17 teams, and it has been decided to make two divisions, 8 in one, and 9 in the others; this competition will commence on April 25th.

The draw is as follows:—

First League.

Penshurst United v St. George, St. George Sports Ground, No. 1, 3.15.

Kogarah v Hurstville, St. George Sports Ground No. 2, 3.15.

Rockdale v Cronulla, Cronulla, 3.15.

Lancashire v Carlton, deferred.

Arncliffe v Brighton, St. George Sports Ground No. 1, 1.45.

Second League—Division 1.

Carlton Kangaroos v Tempe Rangers.

Cronulla v Penshurst United.

Taren Point Rangers v Rockdale B.

Kogarah A v Wolli Rangers.

Bexley the bye.

Division 2.

Arncliffe v Penshurst Rangers.

Carlton v Kogarah United.

St. Peters Kangaroos v Lancashire

Kogarah B v Rockdale.

Third League.

Rockdale United v Kogarah, Hope-town Park, 3.15.

Arncliffe v St. George.

Practice Matches—Second League
Tempe Rangers v Penshurst Rangers, Penshurst Park, 3.15.

Kogarah v Arncliffe, St. George Sports Ground No. 2, 1.45.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

(Played at St. George Sports Ground). First League: Kogarah 7 goals (Storey 2, Perry 2, Pritchard 2, Brown) beat Arncliffe, 1 goal (Maugin); Brighton, 2 goals (Wallace, Silcock), Lancashire 1 (Humberstone). Second League: Tempe Park Rangers 2 (Hill), Taren Point 1 (Conyard). Third League: Kogarah 7, Rockdale 1.

Ga'a at Kogarah.—The gala held by the St. George Soccer Football Association at the St. George Sports Ground at Kogarah on Monday in aid of the Association's funds was largely attended. Results:—Third League: Arncliffe 1 (Machin) beat St. George (nil).

Second League: Tempe Rangers 2 (Walker and Brown) beat Lancashire 1 (Steptoe); Kogarah (nil) drew with Rockdale (nil); Kangaroos 2 (Harrison 2) beat Lancashire 1 (Williams); Kogarah 3 (Taylor 2, Bradey) beat Arncliffe (nil); Penshurst Rangers 1 (Leader) beat Kangaroos (nil); Penshurst Rangers, 2 goals beat Taran Point 1 goal.

First League:—Brighton 1 goal (Watters) beat Kogarah B nil; St. George 1, Lancashire 0.

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT.

The Season's Prospects.

Although last season was not a successful one financially, the executive look forward to a brighter season in 1925.

Entries in the senior grades are the same as last year, but there has been a falling-off in the junior ranks.

The 1st Division of the 1st League has been limited to six teams, namely, Helensburgh, Coledale, Thirroul, Woonona, Corrimall and Balgownie. A higher standard of football is expected. The results of the first series of competition games played on April 4th prove that expectations will be realised. The results were:—

Balgownie defeated Corrimall, 1—0; Thirroul defeated Helensburgh, 2—0; Coledale and Woonona drew, 2—2.

The Balgownie-Corrimall game marked the opening of Corrimall's new ground in the Memorial Park. The game was stubbornly contested,

Judy Masters scoring the only goal six minutes from full time. Corrimall were unfortunate as Jardine in goal only made one mistake and that cost a goal. The feature of the game was the great display by W. Kerr at outside left for Corrimall. Not yet seventeen, he played the best game on the field, and should catch the selector's eyes before very long. Judy Masters played a good game, but he was not given too many chances, Drury and Critcher at full back watching him closely.

Woonona have been unfortunate this season. Boyle has gone, and Casley, Muir and Cheney have been on the sick list. They expect to strip against Corrimall to-day (18th).

Coledale promoted young Smith, a prolific goal-scoring junior centre-forward. His tally for the last two years totalled 70 goals, 44 being scored last season. He signalled his entry into first-grade football by opening the scoring. He is 16 years

of age, 12st. 6lb. in weight, 5ft. 11 in. high, and is a big lump of a lad.

Thirroul played no fewer than 11 new players, which shows that they had no close season as far as management was concerned.

The Second Division comprised Thirroul, Woonona, Woonona Park, Russell Vale, Tarrawanna, Fernhill, Balgownie, Wollongong, Port Kembla and Dapto. Mt. Kembla, through the prolonged strike, could not raise a team this year.

The Juniors.

The All-Age Grade has been inaugurated this year. Seven entries have been received for the Under 21, Under 18 and Under 16 Grades have been combined under the title Under 17. The reduction in the number of teams will, it is hoped, increase the standard of play. In many of the small townships it is impossible to raise both Under 16 and Under 18 teams, whereas an Under team of fair standard can be organised.

Grounds.

The opening of the Memorial Park in Corrimall gives the association the choice of five properly fenced and drained off playing areas—Bodes, Balgownie, Corrimall, Woonona, and Thirroul. Coledale and Helensburgh have been busily engaged in raising funds properly equip recreation areas which have been resumed in the respective townships.

Arthur Jones.

After 17 years first-grade football Arthur Jones, one of the finest players the State has produced, has retired. Arthur holds the record for State honours so it is said. He serves his district as a selector.

Senior Games for To-Day.

(1st League, 1st Division).

Woonona v. Corrimall.

Helensburgh v. Coledale.

Balgownie v. Thirroul.

(2nd Division).

Thirroul v. Woonona Park.

Russell Vale v. Fernhill.

Port Kembla v. Woonona.

Dapto v. Balgownie.

Wollongong v. Tarrawanna.

PRACTICE GAME.

G. R. Holcombe and Bankstown, teams in the Club League, play a practice game at Bankstown to-day.

The M.S.F.A. is taking steps to prevent players qualified in Sydney District Clubs by residence, to play in a competition in another area, in the State, without first obtaining a transfer.

Special Notice

to

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HANDLING THE BALL.—The goalkeepers only may play the ball with their hands, and they only within the penalty area. **INTENTIONAL** handling only is penalised by a free kick to the opposite side, opponents keeping back ten yards.

OFF-SIDE.—This is the hardest rule of all. A player cannot be off-side in his own half of the field of play, nor when the ball is last played by an opponent, nor if he is behind the ball when it is last played. He cannot be off-side when a corner kick or throw-in is taken, this protection ceasing when the ball is again played by one of his own side. With these general exceptions a **PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST THREE OF HIS OPPONENTS NEARER THEIR OWN GOAL LINE.** To be penalised a player must be playing the ball or interfering with the play.

FREE KICK.—A free kick is

awarded for handling the ball, tripping, kicking, jumping at, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent or dangerous play.

PENALTY KICK.—This award for the following infringements within the "penalty" area (18 yards mark): Tripping, kicking, striking, jumping at an opponent, handling the ball, holding, pushing, or illegally charging an opponent. All players except the player taking the kick and the opponents' goalkeeper must keep outside the penalty area. The kick is taken from a mark 12 yards from the goal line.

GENERAL.—Intentional infringements only are penalised, and generally speaking the "advantage" rule is followed.

Charging is permissible, but must not be violent or dangerous. Charging behind is illegal unless an opponent is obstructing, but it must

under no circumstance be violent or dangerous.

GOAL.—A goal is scored when the ball has passed between the posts, under the bar, and completely over the goal line.

CORNER KICK.—If the ball is played behind by one of the attacking side, an opponent shall stand within one yard of the flag.

THROW-IN.—The ball is in play when it has passed completely over the touch line. The throw is taken by an opponent, who shall stand with part of both feet on the touch line and throw the ball with his hands over his head.

DURATION OF GAME.—When otherwise arranged, the duration of a game shall be two 45 minutes.

QUEENSLAND NOTES.

Mr. J. W. Peden has been elected by an overwhelming majority to the position of Secretary to the Q.F.A.; there were eight applicants, and the success of Mr. Peden has been received with enthusiasm throughout the game; his experience in football matters is very wide, one of his duties being that of honorary auditor to the Q.F.A. He is in touch with all vital matters concerning that body, and his appointment should be a great advantage to the game generally.

Competition is keener in Queensland Soccer, than it has ever been, and never before in the history of the game has the public shown so much interest.

Mr. J. Hildreth is the live wire of the Q.F.A., and is one of the best organisers in the Commonwealth. He and his colleagues had no trouble in finding Queensland's quota of £1500 in connection with the financing of the English tour.

Mr. H. Ashworth is again chairman of the Queensland Football

Association. He will have with his executive a heavy task this year in consequence of the Queensland visit.

The decisions to play English tour matches at Toowoomba, Ipswich, and Bundaberg, as well as Brisbane, has given great satisfaction in Queensland football circles.

It is expected that the match at Bundaberg will attract a big attendance.

The local Soccer world is longing to see the Rev. H. Glyn Lewis in action for Thistle, as he is an Oxford blue and a Welsh amateur international goalie. There was some doubt at the time of writing whether Lewis would be able to turn out for Thistle on Saturday. If he does not, the Scotsmen should have a good substitute in Charlie Cameron, a recent arrival from Montrose, Scotland, where he learnt his football with Charlie McGovern. But it is not only in goal that the Scotsmen's XI. has been improved. Clarry Shenton, the ex-Wynnum player, and Australian international, will appear as centre-half, and Leitch, a Victorian, will replace Jimmy Love at right half. Love is out for a cap against the Englishmen. He

is at present being rested. Charlie McGovern—who, by the way, has returned from Macquarie at left half, Thistle will probably have the best half-back in Queensland. The forward line is being stiffened by the inclusion of Ernest Bright and Jimmy Robertson. It will be interesting to see how Moriarty shapes as a centre forward on Saturday. Love is being tried there as an experiment.

It is proposed to invite a Queensland Junior team to New South Wales during the coming season, to play at Maitland, Newcastle, Sydney, and on the South Coast. Detailed arrangements have not yet been made.

The English team is due to arrive in Perth on May 5th, and the match will be played on May 12th. The team will probably arrive in Sydney on May 28th, and will play New South Wales on the Show Ground, Sydney, on May 30th.

Mr. T. A. Langridge has been appointed the trainer of the Australian teams for the test matches in New South Wales, and will also train the New South Wales and Metropolitan teams.